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## **Dear Caroline Families:**

Thank you for the recent increase of virtual support and advocacy of the CHS baseball stadium. We value the passion and dedication of our student-athletes and their families, and we appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns regarding the Annex and stadium properties. The School Board values your thoughts and invites you to reach out directly to your school division representative to share input, ask questions regarding CCPS owned properties, and gather facts associated with the division's comprehensive facility efforts.

In recent days, the abundance of information shared on social media has resulted in considerable inaccuracies and falsehoods circulating throughout our community. To provide greater details and provide clarity:

- As part of division wide demographic and facility studies requested by the School Board and Board of Supervisors, all school-owned properties were assessed in 2024 by a professional architectural and engineering firm. This assessment focused on structural integrity and projected maintenance needs with the goal of guiding long-term planning to address capacity, growth, and facility needs across the school division.
- Additionally, per the request of both Boards, appraisals were secured for all School Board owned properties receiving a Facility Index Score (FCI) of Poor (aging infrastructure). These appraisals outlined the value of the following properties: SBO, Annex, Stadium/Field, and Lotus Academy.
- All data collected within the fact finding period is/has been used to craft multiple short and long-term facility plans. At this time, no option brought forward by the School Board has been operationalized due to limitations associated with the County's current borrowing power leading to the School Board's continued reconfiguration of short and long-term options.
- As such, there is no viable short-term/long-term facility option that has been solidified, no viable option outlining the sale of any CCPS property, nor any current plan to renovate, sell, gift, or raze the baseball stadium.

We fully recognize the significance of the current baseball stadium to our students and community, as well as the vital role CHS baseball families have played in its ongoing upgrades and maintenance. As the School Board continues its mission to address current and future facility needs, we remain deeply committed to the success of all CCPS athletic programs. Should a time arise when the sale or repurposing of any school division property becomes a viable consideration or necessity, the School Board is committed to a transparent process that includes robust community engagement through public meetings and meaningful opportunities for stakeholder input. Should any future recommendations have potential impact upon athletics, we will ensure the appropriate stakeholders are actively involved in any discussions and that program operations continue without interruption.

While the planning phase continues, we are committed to thoughtful and fiscally sound facility options that support and preserve the integrity of our athletic programming. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to remain involved in the extensive growth work that will continue into the foreseeable future. Please reach out with any questions or concerns and take a moment to visit our <a href="facilities">facilities</a> <a href="mailto:website">website</a> for all related facility and demographic reports. We are committed to open, transparent communication as this process moves forward.

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Sincerely,

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